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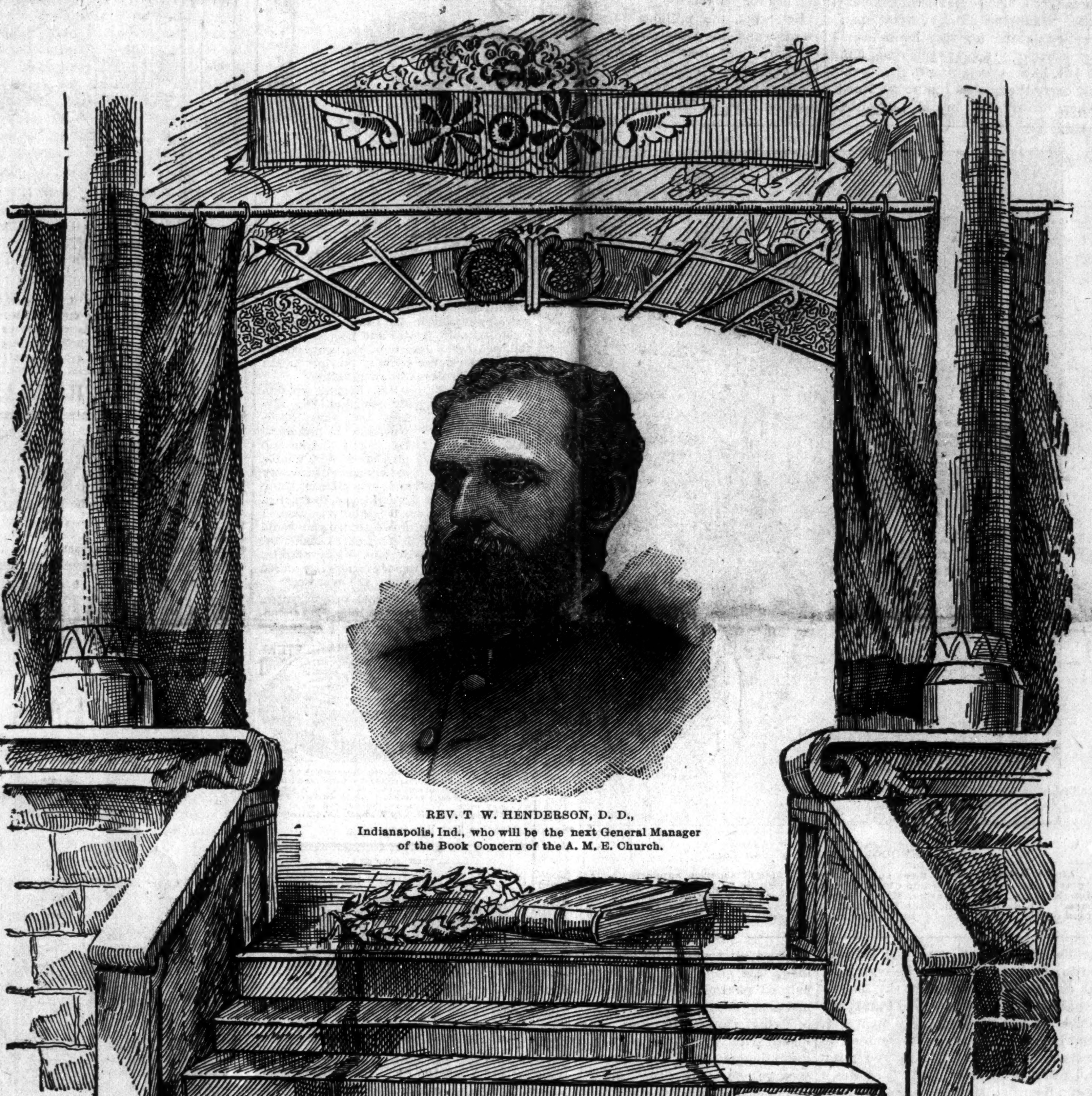

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The Baltimore Conference—Washington's Favorite Elocutionist, Miss Sara E. Saunders—Ex-Senator Bruce for McKinley—The Color Line and the Schools—The Y. M. C. A's. Great Work—The Negro Democrats Want Whitney, Matthews or Russell—Notes on the Passing Show.

Washington, D. C., Special.

Legal circles have been agog this week over an apparently well authenticated rumor that a reconciliation had been effected between Recorder C. H. J. Taylor and Ex-Congressman John M. Langston, and that these distinguished gentlemen would form a law partnership in the near future. It is said that they will fix up a suite of offices in one of the best business blocks, and their outfit will be second to none in the city. Such a rumor, involving the most prominent Afro-American Democrat in the country and a foremost Republican leader, could not fail to attract wide-spread comment, and in the Blackstonian precincts in and about F and D streets and the court house. This new alliance has been for several days the one theme of conversation. To secure an official statement for the benefit of The Freeman's many readers, a representative of that enterprising journal waited upon the principals of the alleged agreement, beginning with the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor:

"Mr. Taylor, is there any truth in the rumor that you are anxious to form a law partnership with the Hon. J. M. Langston?"

The genial Recorder seemed averse to giving out any expression concerning the matter, but being pressed, he remarked, after a little reflection:

"I have not conversed with the Hon. John M. Langston since March 6, 1895. In fact I have not seen him to speak to him since that time. If a Negro of National reputation—a Democrat—who was at the same time a lawyer, well reversed in the law, should form a partnership with a gentleman of the eminence of the Hon. J. M. Langston, it is my candid opinion that the firm would make over and above all legitimate expenses $10,000 the first year. I weigh well my words. After the first year such a firm would not make any year less than $20,000. It would be impossible for any firm of Negro lawyers in the United States to equal them. In fact, very few white firms could equal them in getting business and in winning success for their clients."

"Are you friendly with Mr. Langston?"

"I have never had any altercation with him," returned Mr. Taylor with a smile.

"On the contrary I have a very high regard for him, especially on account of his record and his place in the history of this country. I hope I am not conceited when I say that when everything is considered, if Mr. Langston and a Negro Democratic lawyer of national prominence could not bring success to a client, it would be useless for him to look elsewhere. Such a firm would be invincible for many reasons."

The same questions being propounded to Mr. Langston elicited no definite reply. He did not deny that such an alliance was under consideration, but intimated that at this moment affairs were not in such a shape as to render a public statement advisable. He saw no reason why there should not be great law firms among the Negroes as there were among the whites. The comment on "The Row" from such legal lights as Hewlett, Smith, Martin, Terrell, Peyton and others was very favorable to the project. A finality may not be immediately reached, as Mr. Taylor's office life has some time yet to run.

THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

The session of the Baltimore A. M. E. Conference, just closed, was interesting from every point of view. Bishops Gaines, Grant, Arnett, Tanner, and Handy were present. Several of the general officers of the connection, Drs. J. C. Embry, J. H. Armstrong, J. L. Coppin, C. T. Shaffer, W. B. Derrick, H. F. Johnson and C. S. Smith were also here and gave some fine addresses. Recorder Taylor's speech was a notable feature of the conference. The delegates called upon President Cleveland in a body during the session and were cordially received. Bishop Gaines' remarks were very appropriate. The appointments show a complete change in the personal of the Washington pulpits. Dr. J. T. Jenifer goes to St. John's, Baltimore, and Rev. J. W. Norris to Ebenezer in the same city; Dr. D. P. Seaton goes to Norfolk, Va., and is succeeded by Rev. W. R. Arnold at Georgetown; Rev. I. S. Lee is made presiding elder of the Potomac district, vice Rev. J. H. Collett sent to Hagerstown, Md. The new pastor at the Metropolitan is Rev. J. A. Johnson, transferred from Philadelphia conference, his last charge being at Germantown, Pa. He comes highly recommended as a preacher and business manager. He is a trustee of Wilberforce University, and has held several positions of honor in the church service. The sentiment of the conference was decidedly favorable to the candidacy of Dr. Jenifer for the Bishopric. Leading divines say that if four Episcopates are chosen, the election of Drs. Derrick, Coppin and Embry are assured, and that the fourth place will be fought for by a dozen other aspirants, with Drs. Jenifer, Townsend, Armstrong, Shaffer and Tyree in the van. The conference sympathized with the Cuban insurgents.

A DRAMATIC READER TO THE FORE.

A new and scintillating star in the firmament of dramatic readers is Miss Sara E. Saunders of this city. Though having had considerable experience upon the platform, much of her time has been spent in foreign travel and the Washington public was not, until recently, afforded an opportunity to pass upon her merits. She spent two years with the McAdoo Company, visiting Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, and neighboring islands. Miss Saunders' recent appearances here have been positive triumphs, and by sheer force of intrinsic merit she has established herself permanently as the National Capital's "premier elocutionist." Miss Saunders was leading support in both of Flora Batson's concerts at the Metropolitan church, and also shared stellar honors with Miss Bessie Lee at the Nineteenth street Baptist church. On each occasion the great auditoriums were packed, and Miss Saunders very evenly shared with these lyric stars the enthusiastic applause, reserving the unusual tribute of triple encores. Miss Saunders is a young lady of varied accomplishments, and eminently deserves the success she has achieved. She is a student of literature. Her ready grasp of the emotional requirements of a situation, her keen faculty for character analysis, her intelligent measurement of the popular taste, together with a vesonant, musical voice and a magnificent stage presence all tend to give her an equipment unexcelled by any reader now before the public. Her repertoire covers a wide range, and her rare versatility is evidenced in her easy transition from tragedy to comedy. Two of her best selections are "Loris Ipanoff's Story" from Sardou's "Fedora," and "Winning Cup's Race." Miss Saunders' services are in steady demand, and she has under consideration several very flattering offers to travel. Her numerous friends find much satisfaction in the generous approval accorded her work by the press and dramatic critics, both at home and abroad.

B. K. BRUCE TALKS POLITICS.

Hon. B. K. Bruce has returned from the South. He is an enthusiastic advocate of Mr. McKinley's nomination for the Presidency. He says from his observation of the situation, from interviews with delegates elected from the South, and from letters received by him from prominent Republican leaders, it is safe to predict a McKinley victory on the first ballot. Mr. Bruce was credited with an interview in a morning paper, urging the nomination of Speaker Reed for the Vice-Presidency, remarking, it is claimed, that a McKinley-Reed ticket would be invincible. He did not believe that it would detract from Mr. Reed's greatness or statesmanship if he were to accept the Vice-Presidential nomination. "The party will need a master hand in the Senate, and Mr. Reed would be just the right man to assume charge and see to it that the will of the people was carried out in that branch of the national government," he is quoted as saying. This was a significant utterance, and at once set the gossips to guessing what was up. Mr. Bruce has since denied making any reference to Mr Reed's availability as a candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

A QUESTION OF COLOR.

The question of color is again assuming a malignant aspect in school circles. It was charged at a big mass meeting at Vermont Avenue Baptist church that the trustees and teachers discriminated in favor of "yellows" as against the "blacks" in every conceivable way. The blacks demand a fair chance upon their merits, both as teachers and pupils, and will insist upon the appointment of a black trustee in the fall. Fiery speeches were made by Oliver C. Black, who presided, and by Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, Rev. G. W. Lee and others. A committee was appointed to carry the matter before Congress. The friends of the Board of Trustees indignantly deny the charges, and their attitude is strongly outlined in a well tempered letter by Mr. Robert H. Terrell.

BOOMING THE Y. M. C. A.

The mass meeting in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. was largely attended, and renewed attention was called to the excellent services this organization is doing for the young colored men of the District of Columbia. The address of Bishop Abram Grant was especially noteworthy. The Association has a debt of $3,000 on its building, and strenuous efforts are being made to secure subscriptions and pledges sufficient to float the burden, and to keep the current departments of the organization in a flourishing condition. The people, regardless of color or creed, should respond liberally to their appeal. An investment in men—honest, upright and manly men—will pay 100 cents on the dollar in an improved, social status, an elevated standard of morality.

THE PASSING SHOW.

Hon. J. M. Langston is out for Reed for President.

Bethel Literary has closed one of the most brilliant seasons in its history.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee, author of a Fool's Errand, etc., lectured at Israel C. M. E. church last week.

Mrs. Lucy G. Thurman, eloquent apostle of the W. C. T. U. movement, is delivering a series of lectures in the local churches.

Miss Gussie Moore, one of the most popular young ladies of the Recorder of Deed's office, died on the 26th, ult., after a very brief illness.

Hon. G. W. Murray has won his seat in Congress, but the delay of the election committee in submitting its findings to the House, prevents him from immediately taking his place.

John L. Waller has laid his case before the State Department. He is making his home in Baltimore for the present. His opening lecture will be delivered in this city in a few days.

Wm. L. Brown, a son of the late Bishop Brown, has succeeded to the messengership at the Executive Mansion, formerly held by C. H. Lanier, of Indianapolis, and later by Samuel Murray, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Sensational charges have been filed against Prof. F. L. Cardoza, principal of the High school, incompetency leading all the rest. The complainant-in-chief is Miss Mary B. Nalle, a teacher in the building. The case is being investigated by the trustees. A general school war seems imminent.

Presidential sentiment is crystalizing among the Negro Democracy. The Western and Southern contingent are very favorable to Governor Claud Matthews, of Indiana. The Eastern wing leans strong toward Mr. Whitney or Ex-Governor W. E. Russell. President Taylor and his friends express no positive choice, but it is given out that any of the three men named would be acceptable, and that their attitude toward the Negro would require neither explanation nor defense at the hands of the colored Democracy.

The Emancipation celebration was the usual gala affair, and the parade was gorgeous enough to have won the applanse of Solomon. There were brass bands galore, in most of which the bass drum and big horn took star parts. Everybody seemed to be out, and the freedom of the city was accorded the colored man for the day. The speech of Prof. W H. H. Hart was a valuable contribution to contemporaneous history, and the remarks of Recorder Taylor and Rev. G. W. Lee bore upon lessons of value to the race.

R. W. THOMPSON.

PRESIDING ELDER SYSTEM.

SOME NEW PLANS SUGGESTED THAT WILL AID THE CHURCH.

What the Pastors in Charge Could do.

Something Wrong with the Machinery In the A. M. E. Church—Changes Could be Made that Would Materially Better the Condition in the Several Departments—The Two Organs Should Consolidate—A Pointed Question—Who will the New Bishops be? Derrick, Tyree, Preston, Armstrong and Embry Mentioned.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to present my thoughts on the wants and needs of our great church. First, allow me to remark that we have lost sight of everything except the election of Bishops. It is right and proper that we should write and talk on the good things needed for the church, but we should not lose sight of everything else. We have plenty of able and competent men for the bishopric. Anyone of the following named gentlemen has the qualifications necessary to make an efficient and capable bishop, and as five bishops are needed, why not have Rev. Evans Tyree, Dr. Preston, Drs. W. B. Derrick, Armstrong and Embry. The conference would make no mistake by choosing the above gentlemen who would bring to the bishopric ability and experience. Supposing that these five able men will be elected bishops, let us turn our attention to the financial needs of the church. As everything is being adjusted according to the times, a hint along this line, will not be out of place. As the General Conference is now at hand, and they will deliberate and legislate on important matters, I have the following plan to offer for the consideration of that noteworthy body. I think that this plan if accepted and put into execution will strengthen the church, and put it on a firm financial basis, and assure our success. First let us drop seventy-five presiding elders, and still retain the system in force as now. I mean that we drop off half our presiding elders, and still keep the same assessment for the presiding elders as was formerly raised. This rate of assessment would yield one hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year, seventy-five thousand of which would go to pay the presiding elders, and the remaining seventy-five thousand could be equally divided between the church and the church extension and the church missionary societies. This money could be collected quarterly, and the presiding elders could be paid as per the discipline, while the remainder of the money could be sent to the secretary of church extension society and missionary society respectively; thus giving each society $9,250 per quarter. I think this plan would give new force and energy to our church, and would at the same time make the presiding elder system help the church and the societies named. Now as to how this can be done:

Let each presiding elder have fifty points; let them hold their quarterly conferences on any night they choose, and let the pastor and presiding elder see to it that the assesments are raised and the money properly applied, this would help our church very much, and would go far toward making our church independent. This plan would give to the presiding elders some time to rest, and would be quite an improvement over the old way of holding two or more quarterly conferences in one day. This plan if followed would add dignity and credit to our church, and would mark a new era in its history and advancement.

Pastors in charge of churches should exert themselves to collect all these assessments, and have them all on hand, the books posted and ready for the presiding elders inspection and approval, when he came. This would not only stimulate the presiding elder, but the whole connection will receive encouragement. The presiding system will thus be put on a solid basis, and the two infant societies of our church will be put on a successful basis, they would be strong financial factors in our church. It can be safely predicted that in twelve years, under this system, every dollar we owe could be payed and the old frame structures that we own could be replaced with attractive brick and stone buildings, and we would not owe a dollar. This plain would stimulate the members and would help the dollar money system as nothing else could. Some of the taxation would be returned to each church from this source and help the various churches very much, and make our churches strong financially, which would aid much in making it strong spiritually, as we could enjoy religion better if we were not over burdened with debt. If this plan should be adopted, I think it would do our church great good, and help it in every way. It strikes me that something else is wrong, with our machine. I may not be able to discover just where or what it is. Twenty-four years ago, our church reported its membership at five hundred thousand. This was when the General Conference met at Nashville Tenn. Every year since then thousands of conversions have been reported, and yet the figures reported today, show our membership to be between five and six hundred thousand; this shows that our membership has increased but little during these twenty-four years. Now the question comes: What is the cause? Is it because we are top-heavy? or is it because we

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HON. FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

GOD'S NINETEENTH CENTURY MOSES—THIS GRAND OLD

Sentinel Still Lives in the Hearts of the People—A Glowing Tribute Paid that Worthy and Much Lamented Scion.

BY CHARLES S. MORRIS.

Frederick Douglass was God's nineteenth century Moses, raised up to scourge a guilty nation with the pitiless lash of his eloquence until like Pharoah of old, she let his people go. He led them through the Red Sea of war, across the wilderness of reconstruction, and when after seventy-nine years of conflict, this grand old battle-scarred sentinel was relieved by death. He left his post like an armed worrior, "like a Plumed Knight." He died, but he did not surrender. General Grant was right when he said, "There is but one Frederick Douglass." He stands alone, a solitary mastodon that has survived from a former age, a pyramid towering among tombstones. He was the leader of the race whether men liked it or no God made him the leader when he packed his skull with brains, fired his tongue with lightening, and gave him the audacity of genius. A slave by birth, a thing by law, he became a monarch in the realms of mind—king by the divine right of a cornet of brains. All through his life he moved among his fellows, slave or free, white or black, in Europe or in America, crowned and sceptered with his majesty of manhood. His master shrivelled in his presence, feeling so mean he dreaded to have him near.

He sent him to a noted slave breaker to have the diadem torn from his brow, but the poor old man knew he had no right to call such a being, slave. He could not die until he had sent for him and done homage to him on his death bed.

Lincoln felt that nameless affinity for him. Greatness always feels for greatness. These two self-made men spent hours together while governors of states were waiting impatiently without. The master's embarrassment was the unconscious homage of a jackal to a lion. Lincoln's friendship was the mating of an eagle with an eagle. When we remember the dark corner of the earth in which he was born, the awful ignorance, the nameless crimes that surrounded him, he rises like a young eagle from a raven's nest. A year and a half ago he was with us! Who does not remember that kingly form, a pine in height, an oak in strength, a cedar of Lebanon in virility, built for strife and storm with nerves and brain steeled to a three-quarter century conflict with slavery. Every inch a king, every pound a man; that face, dark and tragic, full of light and life, never yet rested on the shoulders of an ordinary man.

"The front of Jove" to threaten and command, genius looked from his eyes, sentiment and affection played around his mouth, aggression stood out on his Roman nose, his ponderous jaws closed with grim determination; yet good nature beamed from every line of his manly countenance. A mass of hoary hair, fine as silk and white as snow, brushed back from his broad brow, fell around his shoulders like a lion's mane. His muscled neck was a fit column to support his noble head. His voice was rich and varied as a pipe organ; now low as muttered thunder, now sweet as ever uttered words of wisdom; now high and fierce as a war trumpet. His gestures were a fine combination of grace and power; now easy and dignified, now quick, imperious and resistless. His whole presence was stately, commanding, majestic. In private life he was bright, witty and sunny tempered, telling a good joke and enjoying a good joker; fond of young people, a brilliant center of any social circle, a lover of out-door exercise, a robust, rounded, royal man.

On the platfom he was winning and magnetic, sometimes playful, sometimes when aroused, his great soul blazing with wrath at meanness to, or murder of his people, his words were like slashes from a keen razor, like drops of vitrol, like coals of fire, like crashes of thunder, then he was like some offended Demigod, merciless, tragic, awe-inspiring, terrible! His character was as grand as his person.

He was an independent man. He did his own thinking. He acted as he thought. Scorn and sneers were wind too light to blow him from his course. At times he disagreed with Garrison, deserted Sumner, remonstrated with Lincoln, denounced Hayes. He flayed Blaine; he was one of the few men that did not knuckle to power, that did not yield to circumstances, that did not lower his princely head to the tempest and whirlwind of popular fury.

When he married to a lady the color of his father as he had married one the color of his mother, the nation had a fit of hysterics. White men declared it an outrage, and Negroes meekly and meanly said amen; fifty years of unrequitted toil was out-weighed by a marriage certificate. He bore it like the proud unflinching soul he was. Once in speaking to me about it he said, "Morris, if loving Helen as I did, I had not married her, I should have blushed to my bones for my cowardice."

His colors were always nailed to the mast head of his convictions. He never struck them. He never parleyed under a flag of truce. Fighting for principle, he neither asked quarter nor gave it. He was ruggedly honest. I once told him the only way he could be elected a delegate to the National convention from Washington was by using the same methods other candidates used; he replied, "Morris, all my life has been a protest against the traffic in human flesh. I am too old to commence buying men."

After a life full of dazzling bribes, standing within sight of his grave he could look back on three quarters of a century and confidently say with the upright Hebrew, "Lord, if I have wronged anyone, I restore him fourfold." He was betrayed in his time by many a Judas; toads were always at his ear trying to poison a good name by their slanders, but they could not make him mean and suspicious. He had an infinite faith in his kind that even the atmosphere of Washington could not destroy.

He had the courage of a lion; terrors of the fugitive slave bill, the dangers of war, the fury of mobs, the threats of assassinations, the cowardice of office-holding could not awe him. He taught a whole plantation of slaves at the risk of the lash, he wrote emancipation papers for six thousand dollars worth of property, and when flung in jail, he was preparing to steal a ship and carry them with him to the North. When Covey, the brutal bully, had gridironed his back with lash strokes, lifting his hand to heaven he registered an oath under the midnight sky that he would be whipped in the morning, the slave-breaker sprang again upon him. But he met a look he had never seen on a slave's face before. "Are you going to resist, you scoundrel?" "Yes," came the calm answer, as the barefooted boy locked his steel fingers around his master's throat and choaked him until he was gasping for breath, then hurling him to the ground he stood there fettered but free; his body was in irons, his soul was disenthralled. Here was courage, moral and physical—a courage that whips and clubs could not beat down, that irons could not bind, that jails could not cower, that the dread shadow of the gallows could not awe—a courage that trampled on all the traditions of slavery, that stood erect in the heart of a slave and dared death, hell and the grave rather than be imposed upon, a courage that led him to the cliffs of death, and peering over saw nothing there more dreaded than to allow this enraged devil to beat him into a bloody pulp. Such a courage this champion slave-breaker met flashing from the eyes of Frederick Douglass in the gray dawn of that August morning. The cowered bully slunked away before it with the idle boast, "I would not have whipped you half so hard if you had not resisted." With this courage he faced all the dangers of his stormy life, with this courage he confronted death.

He was one of the most eloquent men this nation has produced. He taught a scoffing world the power of his scourge; the battle-axe of this disinherited knight clove the skull of the mightiest giants slavery sent against him, He was but three years out of the house of bondage when he made his maiden speech at a great anti-slavery convention at Nantucket, Mass. He went for a vocation, he found there a vocation. During the meeting someone who had heard him exhort in a New Bedford prayer meeting, called upon him to say a word. He arose with hesitation, came awkwardly forward, the huge frame trembled, the untried lips stammered and the audience hung their heads in pity and shame, but that was soon over; the eyes begins to flash, the form straightens, the head is erect, the voice swelled, the clinched fists no longer hang awkwardly by his side Living pictures of slave life flash back upon him, the dark and damning secrets of the plantation kindled his pent up feelings, all his cruel past rises up before him; he is again on the old plantation, scrambling with dogs for bones, singing under his mistress' window for bread, again wrapped in a meal sack, his feet in the dying ashes, he is shivering through the long winter nights, again lying in a pile with cattle, he is awaiting his turn on the auction block, again the lash splits his back, Covey's club lay bare his temples and he feels his warm blood spurt out and cover his body; again he sees the nameless wrongs of hopeless women, and the mute agony of their cowered and helpless husbands, the shadow of slavery's unknown martyrs, with crushed skulls and bleading hands past before his eyes and invoked him to avenge them. Ten thousand visions of outrages, of cruelty, of wrong and murder rise before him and cry for vengence.

He hears the millions in the rice swamps and the cane breaks sobbing, "O Lord, how long; a race's heart is breaking, a race's tongue is speaking." Centuries of mute agony are laid bare, four millions of bleeding hearts are telling their wrongs. Others had imagined, this slave had felt; others had painted pictures, he had seen; others had denounced, he cried out in a voice of living pain. His dark tragic face blazed with wrath, his tongue stabbed like a dagger, his lips cut like a knotted scourge; he calls down fierce curses from heaven upon the whole infernal system. He spake as never a slave spake before. In a moment the half asleep convention was aroused, startled, astounded, electrified. A storm had burst upon them from the blue. The worm had turned and stung. A slave had climbed to the awful verge of manhood; a thing had become a Titan; a Jupiter was hurling his thunder bolts, an undreamed power mastered them, scourged them, overwhelmed them with the bitter cry of a race long silent, terrified them with the hell of guilt and greed of slavery. From that hour to the day of his death he was the tongue of his race. What did he accomplish? He, Garrison, Harriet Beecher-Stowe and Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery.

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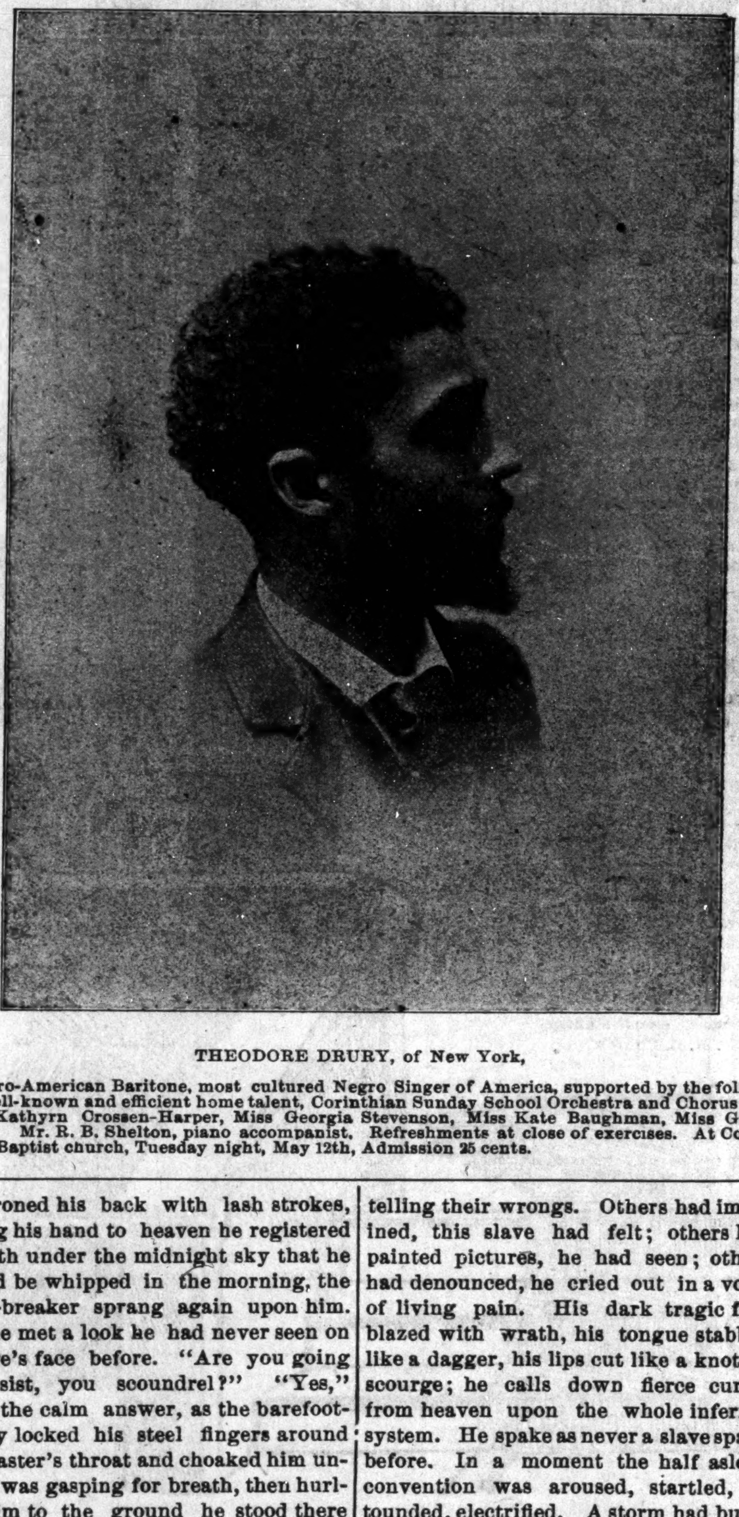

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Remembered by Friends.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.

The Baptist church will soon have a pastor in charge of their congregation. A white man, Jim Derricks, was shot and killed last Saturday night by another white man, on the square. It was the result of a quarrel during the day. Miss Kate Smith of Lynchburg has returned home on account of sickness. A purse was made up by the choir of the A. M. E. church and friends for Mrs. H. B. McChristians, the organist, and presented to her last Sunday night by the pastor. Mrs McChristian is a faithful worker. The Sabbath schools joined in the donation. Mr. S. M. Summerford will entertain the following ladies and gentlemen as his rustic home next Saturday. Mesdames M. E. W. McDonald, H. B. McChristian, J. A. Jones and Misses Mamie G. Hoffman and Betty. L. Todd also Prof. J. A. Jones. The ary Society is growing in interest. The debate at the last meeting was quite interesting, subject, "Resolved, that Mr. Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation more for love towerds the Negro, than for the preservation of the Union." Miss Hoffman opened the discussion in affirmative; Willie M. Jones spoke in the negative. It was decided by popular vote. All the talk now is Lincoln High school Commencement. Cora Lee Williams is quite low There is a rumor afloat that Mrs. Ellen Hayes will soon enter upon a new life. Its seems to be a race between her and Miss Joyce Washington. Get The Freeman from Willie Jones.

Almost Distracted?

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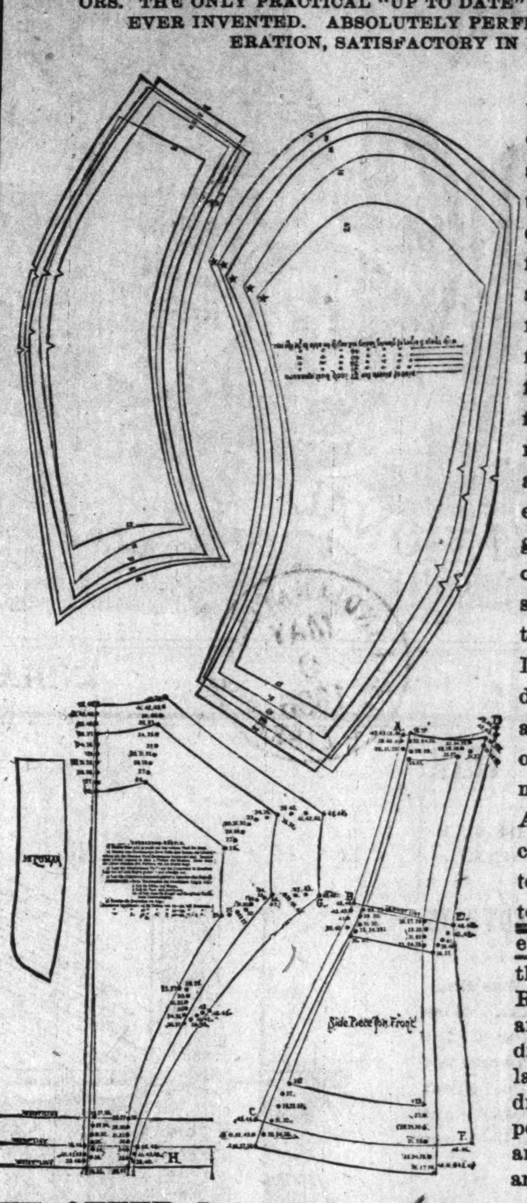

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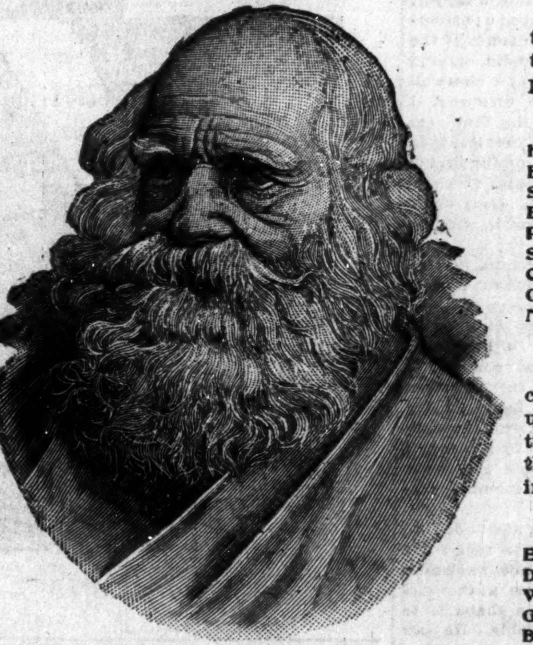

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

Your pleasing traveling agent, Mr. Grant S. Neal, who has been among us here has done work of much appreciation on the part of your great paper in the estimation of those whose forever motto "is to stand by race journals that are worthy," and please allow me space in the great Freeman to say that it is a paper that not only our people are proud of but one that thousands of the Anglo-Saxon race are feeling kindly towards. Even in this, the Island City, the whites have a high regard for it. The Negroes who are readers of newspapers in this great and prosperous country, under a Republican administration should be proud of a paper like The Freeman. I don't speak by this method because I wish to have something to pen, but because it is my duty to defend race interests at all stages of life. Coming back to Mr. Grant S. Neal I can say that he deserves much credit for the great good that he is doing, not only for his paper, but for what he is doing by loosening the good nails that are drove in tough wood so that they can be pulled out and used over again. It is an evident fact that there are a number of Negro journals published that are detrimental to the race, but they are being pulled out of the way so that room may be made for those that are published for the general good and advancement of the Negro.

Mr. Editor and readers of The Freeman, I desire to say that I am very fond of writing of anything pertaining to the race in general, but I will turn my attention to the political situation of this country, dealing especially with the situation in the Lone Star State, my home, for twenty years. Politically things have been exciting in Texas for three months. All of the delegates to the National Republican convention have been elected. The last blood shed was in the Tenth Congressional District convention held at Flatonia on the 22nd ult. Before the convention convened it seemed that the gathering was for another purpose, but the thunderbolt of politics occured when told of another defeat of the Nation's choice—Hon. Wm. McKinley of Ohio, a brave soldier and sincere politician, who is a candidate for the greatest honor of the nation. One portion of the above named district was for the Ohioan, but the portion that won the plum was for the Allison-Reed combine. The Allison and Reed people just played better politics and that was the cause of the McKinleyites defeat. I never saw such an amount of fair play as was tendered the McKinley people at the convention. Had the nation's choice—McKinley—been there he would have said that it was an honorable defeat.

There is no use trying to down Hon. N. W. Cuney of Texas. He is a stalwart leader of the party, and is admired by Hon. McKinley, and I will venture to say that the champion of protection would at any time sanction this peerless leader if asked to do so, if John Grant would stay in Texas and stop carrying letters to Canton, O. Personally speaking I greatly admire the ideas of the Ohio candidate, above all others, but lately there seems to me that the McKinley managers are fostering the Lilly White movement in Texas, and that I do object so far as my Republicanism is concerned. The Ohio man so far is in the lead, but before the final day, there will something else turn up, and it will be the recognized strength of the combine at St. Louis. I seriously think that the combine force is going to defeat the people's choice once more and it may be at St. Louis or at the polls next November. But the potency of Hon. Tom Platt, W. B. Allison, M. Quay, Jno. S. Clarkson, Levi P. Morton, T. B. Reed and Wm. Bradley will undoubtedly mean a winning stroke at St. Louis, and when such men's influence are defeated you can take two years worth of daily rest.

Regarding the great Texas convention held at Austin March 24th, something of interest can be said, and one thing which created great appreciation was the election of Hon. N. W. Cuney of Galveston, as temporary chairman who is a staunch Allison man. His opponent was of Galveston also, but his choice was the champion of the greatest idea to the interest of true Americans. It was Hon. A. J. Rosenthal, who was the McKinley people's candidate for the chair, but he went down by the hands of that Negro who is not only loved by Texas Negroes, but by those throughout the country, and he is the man named Norris Wright Cuney, "the Yellow Rose of Texas." Cuney's opponent was beaten by two to one every vote cast for the chair. The following is a worthy tribute paid to the Hon. N. W. Cuney at the Cuney caucus the night previous to the Republican State convention. The remarks are a verbatim report and was made by W. H. Noble, stenographer, and who was a delegate to the convention, he being the only press representative present at the time, took the speech in short hand notes, which is now highly prized by the many friends of the Texas Napoleon. It is as follows, and this is its first appearance in the papers. The speaker said:

"I wish to pay a tribute to the Hon. N. W. Cuney for three reasons: First for what he is; 2nd, for what he is doing; 3rd, for his political sagacity and good judgment in choosing a presidential nominee Hon. N. W. Cuney is a man recognized and favored by the highest Republican tribunal of this great country and the great state of Texas. A man elevated from the basement or ground floor of Republicanism to a seat in the councils of men who have made this country flow as with milk and honey, and to blossom as the roses, notwithstanding her enemies have shot at her flag, and failing in that have by fraudulent claims caused our stomachs to go empty, and our pantaloons to be covered with Cleveland badges This man is one of forty-six in this vast and glorious country, who must and will guide the Republican ship of state to a harbor free of government debt and with a hum of industry that will astonish the world. This man has been honored, not only by a seat in the Republican councils, but placed in charge of a government position second to none in the South, and a bitter fight and protest from friends and foes was made against him. If others delight to honor him, shall not we, the rank and file of that g. o. p. whose wisdom and efficiency is equal to any emergency? Objection is made to his color, but thank God and Abraham Lincoln, Republicanism knows no color line. The dash of Lincoln's pen and sealed by his blood, has forever wiped it from the face of America, the land of the free and home of the brave.

"A chorus of malcontents have been singing, 'Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow,' until they think they are the only unadulterated Simon-pure-dyed-in-the-wool Republicans in Texas. The chorus has become a solo, and by the 16th of June it will be so low you will not be able to hear it all. I have no doubt these Lilly White singers are sons of the men who invaded Pennsylvania and endeavored to get a little Pennsylvania Dutch girl to sing "Dixie" and other confederate songs, she said no, I will sing and did sing, 'Down with the Traitor and up with Star.' I sleep with that little girl now—she is a woman nearly fifty years old. The star of the black man has been emblazoned in the flag of American Republicanism, and the man I now pay tribute to next to Fred Douglass and Henry Grady has done and is doing more for the colored race than many choose to acknowledge. The recent Exposition at Atlanta with its Negro building, designed, built and filled with products of the loom, lathe and work shop has settled the racial question, and Henry Grady, backed up by other far-seeing, broad-minded Georgians have initiated a 'New South,' and by the education of the Negro, have, to a large extent banished the thief and ravisher and transformed him into a peaceable citizen, a good farmer and a successful artisan, and I'll venture to say a voter that cannot be bought at any price. But last and not least, I pay tribute to Hon. N. W. Cuney, because of his political sagacity, his good judgment and backbone in choosing out of a galaxy of Republican statesmen a man for President who has probably done more for America and Republicanism than any one now living, and while others have worked the bellows and heated the iron he has for a third of a century with sledge hammer blows cemented and wedded a conglomerate mass into the body politic a workman he needeth not be ashamed of, and while I would not detract an iota from that Napoleon of Republicanism, Wm. McKinley, or the stalwart Thomas B. Reed, I wish to say Wm. B. Allison has done as much or more for American industries in formulating and make effective the so-called McKinley bill, as he whose name the bill bears, and for stalwart Republicanism, there is no name in American politics that overshadows that of the Hon. W. B. Allison of Iowa, and who now is more thought of by conservative classes than any other for President of the United States, and Wm. Cuney well deserves the praise and condition of Republicans of Texas for the gallant and effective fight he has made for the man of his choice. I suggest three cheers and a tiger for Cuney and Allison!" which were given with a will.

Again, coming back to the great fight upon Cuney at the convention, I have these remarks to make, for I am a Cuney man, and I am proud to say that he is a peerless politician and a true race defender, and when the fight as usually made against him was before him at Austin his friends rallied around his banner for only a just purpose, and won their cause. The meeting at the beginning was not a McKinley one, but it was conceded to be one to tie Statesman Cuney's hands at St. Louis. Why didn't Jno. Grant, Major McKinley's main manager in Texas, tell me that he wanted those McKinley delegates, when if he would have been fair and square about the matter he could have got possibly two, and so that was the cause of two conventions; Mr. Grant wanted everything or nothing. But he who is right will always be found turning up victorious, and so Cuney turned up on the ladder as usual. There are now two Republican parties in Texas, to-wit: the Regulars and the Reformers, or better known as the Lilly Whites. The Regulars made a split in the Austin convention March 22nd, but the Reformers had their convention at Houston April 20th and had not enough to split if they had wished such to have occurred. These reformers want to dominate the party politics in this State and they are in the minority, but before the Negro Republicans let them do so it will be a tiresome waiting on the Reformer's part and they then will be begging for recognition from the proper organization. Because a black man has the grip on a few things, these unreasonable so-called few white Republicans want their way whether they are right or wrong, but let us see that they don't get their way unless they get it right.

On the whole, Republican politics in this state is in a bad condition. It is hoped that after the state nominating convention things will be adjusted. One thing I wish to say about Chairman Jno. Grant of Texas, and that is he is giving more trouble than all the Republicans of the state together. Another thing: Nationally speaking, the A. P. A. organization through the utterances of its leaders are doing more to nominate the Ohio man than to defeat him. The issue before the convention at St. St. Louis will be Protective Tariff and finance. From a Republican standpoint protection is already the leading issue with the common classes, and finance with the upper people of the party. Another strange thing, but it is true, that the great man from Ohio, who will probably be our next President, was first endorsed by the McKinley Republican League of Galveston, Tex., for the honor he has been since so much advocated for, while the man from Maine was endorsed for vice. This club was organized by a body of young Republicans of this city in 1893, and of which the author of this article was its founder. In conclusion, I will and must say that the people after June 16th will know whether the government is run by them or by the politicans. Somebody must operate the many powers for the many to labor for, but those operators have always been few in number. Let us hope that we will have a Republican President next November.

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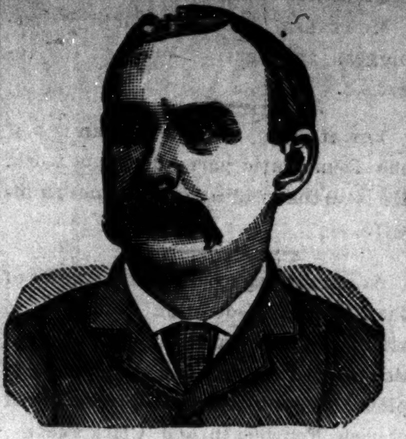

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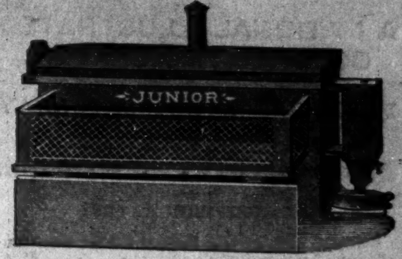

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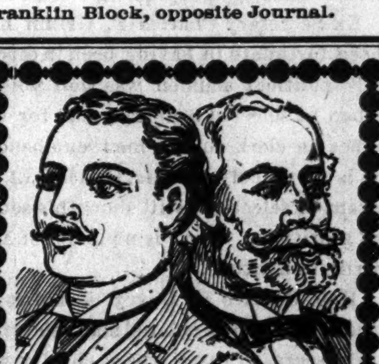

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NOTICE!

There is an impositor traveling through the State of Louisiana using my name to secure subscriptions for The Indianapolis Freeman. He successfully duped quite a number of people at Mansfield and other towns in Louisiana, and in his rascally course has done me great harm. I will pay $20 for the arrest and conviction of this fellow.

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A. M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE.

It does not require much effort on the part of any discerning person to arrive at the conclusion that the General Conferences of the A. M. E. Church are the most dignified and the most highly respected assemblages of Negroes the world witnesses.

Past years are so many testimonials of such conclusions. The one now on at Wilmington, N. C., not only keeps pace with the past but bids fair to eclipse, in every conceivable direction, the magnitude of other conventions. The statement is not merely platitudinal but must perforce of circumstances be the case. The march of intellect, not confined to the rostrum but common to the pew, will do much in fixing the status of these institutions. This conference has always been marked by its men of large brain capacities, yet with the recent years there has been an intellectual evolution that demands recognition. An infusion of new blood, new men, new ideas must be the shibboleth of all great institutions. The state oftener and quicker recognizes the necessity of this grafting system. Vigor to the whole plant is the result of the transfusion. But a body so respectable as this one scarcely needs interposition from the outside of its walls. It has been singularly fortunate in the selection of its chief functionaries. It is a jealous mistress, guarding with a zealous care the portals to preferment. The guiding genius of a Payne keeps a weariless vigil on the revered body, and his spirit, or kindred spirits should ever hover over the precincts of its location. Death has made invasions into the ranks, but time, equally alert, has been its compliment—supplying the places of those who fell with younger men equally equipped. It is not likely that the conference will go abegging as to fit men to forward its cause. The Bishopry, the highest prerogative of the church, can not lack for material as long as such men as Townsend, Derrick, Embry, Coppin, Schaffer, Conners, Tyree or Jenifer are among its adherents. Indeed among these men we find not only the best lights of the church but of the race as well. Not less brilliant are those who would serve the church in some humbler sphere. Among these are the names of Dr. T. W. Henderson, a man whose deeds speak louder than any words in the city of Indianapolis; Prof. Scarborough, an eminent scholar; Dr. Jas. M. Henderson, a versatile writer, we might add a brilliant writer and an advanced thinker; Dr. D. P. Roberts, a polished orator, a scholar and a hightoned gentleman. These and many more are quitely awaiting the decision of the church as to what part they shall have in the great propaganda. Should some unseen catastropte, some political upheaval divest the Negro of his estate in these commonwealth of States, should he be undetermined as to a future course of proceedure there is no doubt but what his weary eyes would finally rest upon this body of men for the truest guide as to a future career, for, as a deliberating body, it stands very close to the hearts of the whole people.

SOUTHERN DELEGATES.

If the Southern delegates ever want standing at the convention they should quit haggling over terms. Everything in the country goes with hop and skip for McKinley, protection and prosperity, while they are honobbing with this one and that one. Joseph's coat is a good likeness to some of these delegations. Not only that, there are to be contests and contests. It has been hinted that the South is a harvest reapable on conditions. The South has been active in quieting such suspicious. However the parcelling out of delegates instead of unanimity and enthusiasm does not do much in establishing a better status quo.

COLORED DELEGATES.

It is held that colored delegates are often mercenary creatures, void of conscience or compunction, when they act as delegates. The assertion is quite baseless when asserted of them in contradistinction to other delegates. The State convention grows on apace. It is very likely that quite a number of colored men will be selected from the State to represent their constituents. Colored men should stop to ponder over the situation. There are now fourteen candidates before the Republican party; everyone "acceptable" to the masses, so current history runs. One is as good as the other. If so, it is to be hoped that an attempt will be made to size up the group in order to discover which one is most likely to properly rate the colored voter. Any little tendencey on the part of any of this goodly array should fix his status.

Mr. Griffith, of this city, is a gentleman of ability but, perhaps, has had no peculiar chance to show just what might be expected of him. However he is entitled to the strength of this locality, which he seems to have. He would make an acceptable governor.

Ex-Secretary Charles F. Griffin has been fortunate in having been in office. His political acumen was well poised when he selected a colored man for his office as clerk during his incumbency. It is very likely that Mr. Griffin will, in event of selection, still show this sense of gratitude. There is no doubt of Mr. Griffin's attitude.

Hon. Charles F. Doxey is said to be the friend of the colored man; showing it in scores of cases where charity was to be dispensed. Certainly he is to be considered if he is to be actuated by such impulses. It is conceded that these candidates lead. If they are acceptable to all their is no impropriety in canvassing the situation in order to determine which one gives promise of treating the colored voter with proper consideration. Bradley, of Kentucky, has had the courage to place colored men in good positions. Indiana's executives have never been known to do such an act. And Kentucky is Kentucky as all know. The disposition of the men should be noted. Build for the to-morrow is trite but correct. Which one will contribute to the respectableness of the race by recognizing it as a part and parcel of the body politic?

VERMONTERS are not so green as the name of the State implies. They broke away from the Reed grip and are now on the McKinley band wagon.

IT may not be a pleasant thing to be turned down in one's own State but Mr. Cullom, of Illinois, has been subjected to the trying ordeal. McKinley is king!

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THE attempt to read Tillman out of the Democratic party does not work. He is in the reading out business himself.

ACCEPTANCES to become members of the National Federation Committee to attend the National Republican convention at St. Louis, and comments on plan. Committee meets First Baptist church, Fourteenth and Clark avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Rev. D. J. Donoliro, Chicago, Ill.; Bishop C. C. Petty, A. M., D. D., "I think such a plank is necessary in the Republican platform;" Rev. T. W. Henderson, Indianapolis, Ind.

National League of Colored Women.

Will hold a convention in the city of Washington July 14, 15 and 16 '96. Besides questions of deepest interest to the League as an organization, requiring the presence and consideration of its members, there remains always the great cause of education; the divinely imposed task of rearing the young, which falls to women without their volition and leaves them no power of choice. How best they shall foster the growth of the sterling virtues—truth, honesty, faithfulness to duty; how assist in forming habits of industry, thrift and self-denial; by what means they may surround children, even in the humblest homes, with the refining influences of gentleness and courtesy—are some of the questions, the consideration of which gives supreme value to conferences of women—not mere mental activity, but work with a definite aim; practical work, whose results will be felt in every day life.

Let our women come together with chapters from their own experience, so that we may learn from our failures as well as our successes with well-digested plans to be modified, improved by comparsion with others, so that our meeting will gain something real for ourselves, our children and humanity. Another matter of such importance as to command the attention of all our women is the enlarging and strengthening of the work by a union of forces. At the conference held a year ago in Boston a resolution was passed by the organization then formed "looking to a union with the already existing organization—The National League of Colored Women." In pursuance of this resolution a Conference Committee met at Atlanta, during the sitting of the Woman's Congress, and a basis of union was reached which included a proposition for a joint convention. We, therefore, invite the officers of the National Federation of Afro-American Women to issue a call to their constituent bodies to meet the National League in joint convention at Washington on the 16th of july, 1896. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all organized bodies of women, not directly connected with the above mentioned organizations to meet with us (July 14th) and to take part in our deliberations. Delegates to the Christian Endeavor Convention will be enabled to represent other organizations, tickets being good to return from Washington as late as July 31st, if deposited with the agent of the Christian Endeavor Association in this city on or before July 14th. Letters requesting information addressed to Mrs. C. F. Grimke, 1526 L street, N. W., Washington, D. C., will receive prompt attention.

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Knights of Pythias' Sermon.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

Rev. E. T. Cotman, ex-pastor St. Paul A. M. E. church, arrived in the city from San Francisco on the 24th ult. He was very kindly received by his many friends, and on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. he preached a very interesting sermon, to which the congregation promptly showed their appreciation by contributing a neat little sum of money to him to aid him on his way to the General Conference. Rev. David Jones, another bright star and worthy young man, also spent the Sabbath with us, and delivered a soul-stirring sermon at 7:30 p. m. On Monday the 27th, the delegation left for General Conference at Wilmington, including Revs. Preston, Cotman, Jones, Brown, Lewis, Williams and others. Sunday, May 3rd, the wives and daughters of the Pythian Knights had their annual sermon preached at St. Paul A. M. E. church at 3 o'clock by Rev. Hawkins of St. Peters A. M. E. church. When you feel that you need something extraordinary nice, cool and refreshing these warm evenings, just call at friend Scruggs ice creem parlor and get one of his large dishes of cream at Twenty-eighth and Olive streets, or when you are over on the north side, stop and try friend Montgomery's splendid cream. He is always ready to welcome you, especially when you are in search of ice cream. L. C. Jones, our Sabbath School superintendent, is laboring very earnestly to make the school what it should be. We are sorry to know that Mrs. Edmond Lewis is very ill at her home on Centre street. We hope soon to hear of her speedy recovery. When you want pure ice cream and good coal call on Mr. Head, 2113 Walnut street. He fills orders promptly.

And They Were Wed.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

Miss Bessie Johnson and Ed. Wilkins were married last Wednesday by Rev. Ayers. Public school closed the twenty second election of teachers the 20th. Kate Campbell will not apply. The A. M. E. people are building. Rev. Moss is in the city. Prof. Warring has just closed his school. Mr. Tom Hill will build soon. Prof. Barnes visited the country last week. The rally at the Baptist church was a success.

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THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY

Literary Hold Their First Meeting—Election of Trustees—Personals.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The rally at St. John's A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday was a success. Over $60 was raised for their pastor, Rev. R. E. Wilson. Prof. H. C. Pope of South Carolina, is in our city giving lectures. He is meeting with success. Revs. J. M. Gilmere and C. Bundy is at General Conference, Wilmington, N. C. Prof. Cooper of Washington, D. C., was in the city Monday. Mrs. Susan Barnett of this city is visiting friends at Findlay, Ohio. At present there are thirty porters who run on the road are waiting for orders from the railroad company. We are glad to see the boys with us for they all read The Freeman to keep up with the times. The May fair will open at St. John's A. M. E. Zion church next week. All are invited. President S. T. Mitchell of Wilberforce, will preach at Allen Temple next Sunday. The anniversary of the U. B. F., and S. M. T., will take place Sunday at Allen Temple at 3 o'clock. The Covington, Ky., Lodge will turn out. The Phyllis Wheatley Literary Society held their first meeting at Plum street hall last Tuesday night. The members at last have got a home. Every one should attend every Tuesday night. Remember that Rev. McMuire, the pastor of the St. Andrews Mission and the young peoples friend, will address the Zion Literary Monday night. The annual election of trustees of the orphan asylum took place last Monday night at the Union Baptist church. There were five candidates, three to elect A. J. DeHart, Lee Wilson, J. J. Woodson, William Clark and Dr. F. W. Johnson never in the history of the asylum was the favor so high at an election. DeHart and Clark were the two successful ones. Johson and Woodson poled a tied vote 107 each. It is hoped by the subscribers that the present trustees will call a meeting at an early date to off the tie.

Mr. Chas. Parham who has been sick, is out again. He will make a trip to Texas soon. John Fielding will visit Springfield Monday on business. The Grand Court of I. O. O. C., will hold its fourth annual session July 21st, 22nd and 24th at Piqua, O. Rev. H. H. Harris preached at Zion church last Tuesday night. Miss Lillie Watkins has opened an ice cream parlor, No. 20 Longworth street near Race. There will be a large class confirmed in June at the St. Andrews Mission. The corner stone of th new orphan asylum will be layed to-day at 4 p. m. Everyone that can should go and have your pocket full of money to give for the benefit of the new. home.

PREPARING FOR COMMENCEMENT.

Prof. McConathy Working Earnestly to Make it a Success—Notes.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Mr. F. L. Overton, who has been ill, after having a painful operation performed, is convalescent. J. F. Chipley left for Atlanta, Ga., where he expects to reside. Miss Mary M. Hayden has returned from Cloverport, Ky., where she has held a successful school. The choir contest given last week by the Plymouth Congregational church was wholly a success. Each choir made a beautiful showing and did splendid work. As the choristers of the various choirs agreed among themselves just before the exercises to sing gratuitously, no prize was awarded. The prevailing opinion was that the Jacob st. A. M. E. Z. choir did the best work. The contesting choirs were from the Fifth st. Baptist church, Merciful Saviour's church, Plymouth Congregational, Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church, Jacob st. A. M. E. Z. and Twelfth st. A. M. E. Z. churches. The seniors are now having their final examinations. It is very probable that we shall not have but twelve graduates this year. The present senior class entered in September twenty-eight strong, but now it numbers but seventeen. Prof. Osborne McConathy began Monday preparing the pupils for the commencement singing. The music used is very difficult, and bids fair for much work. It is claimed that the music will far surpass that rendered last year. Miss Katie J. Grases, the renowned elocutionist, has made quite an impression on Louisville. Her readings are superb, and "way beyond" the chance for an easy imitator. She gave three recitals last week to crowded houses. She recited again Monday and Thursday. Miss Grases leaves for Chicago Saturday, much elated over her visit to Kentucky. The Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria had their annual thanksgiving sermon preached to them Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Twelfth st. church, with Rev. Robert Seymour officiating. As a whole the exercises for the occasion were grand. The church having just been remodeled and being beautifully decorated, made a sweet and lovely appearance. Rev. Seymour did himself proud with his usual twenty minutes' talk, and the 500 members of the order, after leaving $53 to the church and pastor, took their leave well pleased and muchly aroused by the "famous" sermon, as it was called. Mrs. Dr. E. S. Porter, the "Queen of Songs," Miss M. L. Mead, the "Sweet Soprano," and Mr. Jas. R. Douglass, Kentucky's famous baritone, figured conspicuously in Miss Grases' concert Monday evening.

Resigned His Position.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

Morgan Vaughn of Fowlerville, spent Sunday with his parents in this city. Miss Eva Fowler has gone to Chicago for the summer. Miss Elnora Healand has been engaged as organist at the A. M. E. church. Mr. Stephen Lucas and Mr. George Randall were elected delegates to the county convention at Mason April 30th. G. T. Allen spent Sunday in Detroit. Prof. G. W. Henderson was called to Battle Creek last week on account of the death of his brother-in-law at that city. Mr. John W. Price has served his connection with the secretary of State Department. He left Saturday to see his wife, who was taken ill while visiting her sister at Cleveland, O. He will move to Detroit shortly. Miss Elnora Healand has been chosen as delegate to represent the A. M. E. Sunday school at the convention at Kalamazoo, Mich., May 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, of Buxton, Canada, are visiting their sons in this city. Prof Chas. H. Gant has been chosen as musical director of the Fin-de-siecle guitar and mandolin club. This is a compliment to Mr. Gant as the club members have about twenty artists and he is the only colored member. Rev. A. Gates of Canada, preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. A masquerade social was given by Capital Lodge No. 8, F. and A. M. Wednesday evening. Mrs. Anderson was awarded first prize for being the best masked person present.

Personal Mention.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Rev. Lewis Pettiford went to Indianapolis Saturday. He filled Rev. Murray's pulpit at Allens Chapel Sunday. C. S. Jones preached at 10:30. Miss Girtrude Taylor and brother of Peru, Ind., was in town Sunday. Mr. George Flood and Mr. Williams who are working for the California Introducing Car, stopped over with us a few days last week. Sunday was missionary day at the A. M. E. church. The meeting opened with singing, prayer, E. Winslow; declamation, Jeanette Jones, subject, "A Church Without a Preacher;" declamation, Della Jones, subject, "What can we Children Bring to Christ;" song by the choir; song by Floreater Turner. A surprise party was tendered Mrs. Parker on April 27th by John Parker and daughter Mable. It was largely attended by many friends. It was her thirty-sixth birthday. There was an interesting program rendered at the A. M. E. church last Sunday night. The program was as follows: Paper, George Allen, subject, "The Sabbath and its Origin;" solo Mrs. Winslow; paper, "Proper Observance of the Sabbath," Mrs. Allen; Sabbath Desceration, Mrs. G. C. King.

The Society Meets.

Franklin, Tenn., Special.

The young people have organized a literary society. Our town is blessed with some recent graduates of Central Tennessee College and Fisk University. They are rendering much valuable and lasting service in elevating our young to a higher moral and intellectual plane. The literary society met Monday night, when the following program was rendered: Rev. C. W. Norman lectured on "The Prosperity of the Negro;" an essay by Miss M. P. Woldridge, subject, "What is Necessary to make Society Germinate?" Pres. J. D. Evans, "Care for Phisical Health;" Messrs. N. C. Williams and H. C. Hodge, a duet.

Quarterly Conference.

Lynnville, Tenn., Special.

Quarterly conference convened at Circuit St. Joseph's Chapel A. M. E. church Saturday May 2nd. Rev. J. W. Ray presided. Quite an interest was manifested spiritually and financially. Rev. L. F. Buford and W. J. Young were present and introduced to the conference. Sunday services were conducted by Rev. L. F. Buford. A large audience was in attendance. Evening services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Young. Total ammount collected $68.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

A LARGE NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL DELEGATES PRESENT.

The Younger Element Coming to the Front—Drs. Derrick and Armstrong the Choice for Bishops—"All is Lovely" at Present.

The first General Conference of the A. M. E. church met at Philadelphia, Pa, in May 1816. There were present eleven ministers and five laymen. Eighty years have gone past, and the twenty-first General Conference is now sitting at Wilmington, N. C. There are present eight bishops, nine general officers, 239 ministerial delegates and 118 layman. These men are representatives of more than 500,000 actual members, and come from a domain so vast that some have been continually traveling since March in order to reach here. The sun never goes down on the banner of Allen.

The largest ministerial delegation is from the Macon, Ga., conference and includes eleven members. The sixth district has fifty-nine delegates. The third and fourth districts have but fifteen delegates each. There are about seventy-seven delegates from the Northern and Western states. About two-thirds of the members are men of the younger class, that is men who have come up during the past twenty years. Among those older are many men of noble records and strong powers. Dr. Chas. Bradwell and Dr. S. H. Robinson are among the most notable figures of the patriarchial class.

The opening sermon was preached in St. Stephen's church Sabbath morning, May 3rd, by Bishop B. F. Lee. It was a sermon of the highest type and made an impression which will be felt in every act of the conference. Dr. Chappell of South Carolina preached in the afternoon. Dr. Chappell is one of the strong and courageous younger men and his words were carefully weighed. Rev. J. M. Henderson of New York preached at night. At present the opinion is unanimous that Drs. Derrick and Armstrong will be elected bishops on the first ballot. Drs. Embry, Coppin, Preston, Tyree and Townsend are the favorites for the next two places, and stand in the order named. It is the desire to hold elections during the latter part of this week. Many changes may take place before then. Drs. Derrick and Armstrong are general favorites. The fact that Dr. Embry is old, and that Dr. Coppin has been but nine years a pastor is having its influence in Dr. Embry's favor. Drs. Preston and Tyree will show such strength as will place them high on the list for subsequent honors, although one or the *other* is likely to be elected this time if reactions set in. Dr. H. T. Johnson is the favorite of a great many and Dr. W. D. Johnson is making the best showing of his life. Everybody is in good humor, but a look of earnestness is on every face and important questions will be sternly debated.

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.,
Wilmington, N. C.

Representative Men.

Oklahoma City, Special.

Some of our colored men of note are as follows: Rev. J. E. W. Williams, A. M., M. D., champion bass singer of the South and a professional race man. Mr. Williams is going to open a bath house based upon scientific principals, and will administer Turkish and Russian baths to sufferers from all chronic diseases. Prof. Wm. R. Fulbright, one of the leading orators of the territory stands at the head of his profession as teacher. He is a graduate from the high school of Springfield, Mo., and his diploma hangs in a conspicious place in his sitting room. Prof. J. D. Randolph, principal of the colored schools of the city, and president of Wells Teachers' Association, which convened at Oklohoma City, May 9th. The high school of the city publishes the High School Herald, a newsy, semi-monthly sheet. A. A. Rolfe, W. O. Bingham, editors, W. M. Sulcer of Edmond, business manager. Willis Tucker and Mr. Carruthers, tonsorial artists, E. Hopkins, realestate and employment agent, and notary public. Subscribe for The Freeman, the leading colored journal, C. D. Clem of Edmond, agent.

Preparing for their Annual Sermon.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

The W. P. L. A. A. Lodge No. 14, are preparing for their sermon which is to be preached the 24th, inst. Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coble, a fine girl the 21st, ult. Mesdames Etta Hodge and Matilda Philips were nicely entertained at the home of Mrs. Mary J. White the 30th, ult. Mrs. Mary J. Lee, of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting her father and friends at this writing. Mrs. Fannie Watson is convalescent. Miss Melissa O'Neal has prepared a grand essay to be read in the Sunday school mass meeting to-day. A good time is anticipated. Aaron Martin, of Wartrace, visited J. M. Mullins Sunday last, The Superintendent and teachers of the A. M. E. Sunday school are preparing for a grand time Children's day. There were nine children who enrolled their names Sunday. Subscribe for The Freeman.

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PRESIDING ELDER SYSTEM.

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have failed to properly adjust the machinery that is in our hands? We have the ability, and the opportunity has been presented to us. Now, let us use the means at our disposal in a straight-forward, business-like manner—look after our finances and success will be ours.

Quite a number of changes could be made in the management of our affairs and the different departments of our church should be changed so each would re-inforce and help the other. The departments that are not self-sustaining could be put with those that do pay. Under this arrangement the Educational Secretary, the Quarterly Review of the church and the Educational department could be placed with the missionary society and no injury would result. The Quarterly Review and the Christian Recorder could be put together and the managing editor could care for and superintend both with no loss to the church, and these papers would be just as readible and meritorious as now. The Southern Christian Recorder could go to the Sunday school Union at Nashville, Tenn., where we already own a large commodious building. These changes would save the connection several thousand dollars annually, and would show excellent financial ability, which seems to be one of the needed things.

Should the plan be adopted, and the conference collections as now arranged be kept in force, each year would bring to our treasury many thousand dollars, which will go far toward increasing our greatness and glory. and will make our church stronger and more useful, and we could boast of being strong financially as well as educationally and morally. Such legislation would give our church a new impetus, one that would encourage the loyal members, give life and energy to the indifferent and disgruntled, and also add many new souls to our army.

The question for the General Conference to answer is: "Shall we adjust our church affairs to meet the demands of the times or shall we continue to let them go as they are?" The General Conference can answer this question, and it is to be hoped that they will do so in a way that will prove a boon to the church and a blessing to humanity.

Respectfully,
J. L. GRIGSBY,
166 State Street, New Albany, Ind.

Personal Mention.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

R. A. Lawson, of Fisk University, will deliver a piano concert at Collins Chapel on the 11th, inst., and Avery Chapel the 12th, assisted by the best talent. Henry Thomas, of Stratton Hill shot and painfully wounded his brother Albert last week. No cause for the shooting can be learned. Ed. M. Ware has closed his school. The Platform meeting of the Farmer's and Merchant's Alliance, which was held at the Tabernacle Baptist church on Turley street, was well attended. The exercises consisted of five speeches by representatives of the various trades and professions, subject, "Co-operation for Mutual Improvement." The Choral club of the Howe Institute, furnished music for the occasion. A very sad event is the death of R. Ridout, son of Richard Ridout, which occurred at the residence, 360 Beale street. Interment at Zion cemetery. Mrs. Davis, of Crawfordsville, Ind., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. O. D. Yates, on Union street. The Georgia street school will have their commencement on the 11th, inst. Miss Mollie E. Franklin stopped in the city a few days last week. A. J. H. Bass will take your order for The Freeman.

TANNER FOR GOVERNOR.

Republican Convention Enthusiastic for McKinley—Social Events.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The State convention of the Republicans which met in Springfield the 29th and 30th, ult., was full of enthusiasm for McKinley. You can see and hear every day of some politician jumping in the band wagon and blowing a horn for McKinley. The contest for governor of this state has at last ended, and the Hon. John R. Tanner is the lucky man, who was nominated by acclamation. Mr. Tanner is one of the leaders of the Republicans of this state and a strong friend of the colored people. The friends of Illinois Club gave their second annual May ball at Central hall, Twenty-second street and Wabash avenue, Friday evening, May 1st. Quite a large crowd was present. The hall was beautifully decorated, and Mr. Greenhill's orchestra composed of six pieces, furnished the music. The Illinois Club is one of the best colored clubs in the city. They have their meetings every week and discuss different subjects. Their club rooms are situated at 2916 Dearborn street. The colorod citizens of Chicago are rejoicing over their victory in the convention at Springfield, in electing a colored alternate to the National convention at St. Louis, in the person of Rev. Jordan Cravis, of Quincey, Ill. Adelbert H, Roberts, the noted silver tongued orator and tariff reformer, and politician of the Third ward, has taken up his residence in the Second ward. Mr. Roberts has for the last two or three years taken a great interest in Third ward politics.

Odd Fellows Will Celebrate.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Prof. James Edmunson is having a well built at his home. Rev. S. C. Harris had a baptizing on the 4th. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon, P. E., left for the General Conference on the 1st He called a meeting for the Centennial, W. H. Gosling acting as temporary chairman, J. W. Scott, secretary. The contest is running high for the city schools. There are many applicants. Mrs. J. C McAdams is able to be out. Miss S. Jones left for her home in Wartrace on the 30th. Miss Lucretia Hill, and Rev. J. S. Bryant spent the 25th and 26th in that town. J. Ransom and John Call are in the city. Miss L. S. Wilson went to Unionville on the 3rd. Prof. T. T. Ransom and wife spent the 4th in Bellbuckle. Mrs. Mary Thompson is not expected to live. Dan Blakemore is on the sick list, Prof. P. W. Patterson is indisposed. The Odd Fellows will celebrate their seventeenth anniversary on the 29th. W. M. Holland, who has been down so long with a broken leg, will preside over the order. Rev. J. W. Richman, Prof. W. A. Thompson are the orators of the day. Everything points to a grand time. Prof. P. Purdy spent a few days in Sparta. Mrs. Jane Hunter is traveling in the interest of her lodge. Rev. J. S. Turner, president of Turner College, is very busy getting ready for the closing. Dick Osburn was in town on the 2nd. Ernest Gill is at home. Louisa Evans has returned. Rev. J. W. Richman and wife were in and spent a few hours on the 29th. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

Marriage Anniversary Celebrated.

Leadville, Col., Special.

Mrs. Cathrine Ferguson is on the sick list. Mrs. M. W. Hodges, Mrs. J. T. Hedgpath and daughter Cecil went to Glenwood Springs on the 19th. Rev. J. B. Fields of Denver, who is traveling in the interest of the North Western Baptist Missionary Society was in the city recently, and was the guest of J. W. Young, 304 West Sixth street. Mrs. Williams of Grand Junction is in the city the guest of Mrs. M. J. Motley, 206 West Sixth street. Rev. C. M. Smith of Trinidad is visiting his brother Rev. J. T. Smith, who has charge of St. Luke's A. M. E. church, this city. The Rev. gentleman filled the pulpit on the 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holcomb celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage at their residence, 219 East Eleventh street on the 18th. They received a fine collection of valuable presents. It was one of the finest gatherings that has been for some time. Adah Court elected officers last Monday evening. Messrs. J. H. Sheppard, A. J. Young, Rev. J. T. Smith, Elder P. A. Hubbard, and Miss Mamie McLead attended the District Conference and Sunday school convention that convened in Pueblo on the 14th ult. Mrs Sarah Barnes, who has been quite sick, is much better. Born to Mr. and Mrs. King on the 21st, a fine boy. H. E. Everetts, Charles Carter, M. E. Robinson, H. K. Smith, W. B. Carter and George Harris have purchased wheels. Mrs. Ollie Turner was taken to the Sister's Hospital on the 21st. She is suffering with abscess of the stomach. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Griffin of Ibex were in the city on the 22nd, the guests of Mrs. J. W. Young. Mrs. Griffin was en route to Salida. Geo. Motley is very proud of his grandson.

May Day Pleasantly Spent.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Laura Simmons and little daughter are visiting relatives in Winchester. Quite a number of divines passed through the city Friday en route to the General Conference now in session at Wilmington. They were joined here by Rev. T. A. Thompson. Mrs. David S. Kinney and her little son of Atlanta are in the city the guest of her mother, Mrs. Streeter on Cypress street. The concert under the auspices of Miss Nell Hoggie and Mrs. Lela Jones at the court house last week was quite interesting, and the rendition of the program was exceltent. Proceeds for the benefit of the A. M. E. church. The Lyceum club spent May day picnicing at Chickamauga Park. They returned to the city about 7 o'clock and repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Tyree, where the following named persons spent a most pleasant evening: Misses Nell Heggie, Lucile Porter, Addie Streeter, Julia Fuqua, Pearl and Lizzie Whitesides, Lizzie Blackwell, Ida Anderson, Daisy Lowdnes, Messrs. Robt. Downs, Ben Little, Ward Bowman, Wade Hammond, John Dunaway, Joe Battle, Will Tyree, H. M. Summers and Will Woodard. It was very swell indeed. Leave news items for this paper at Dr O. W. James and R. W. Allen Drug Co., 403 West Ninth street. R. L. Booth is doing an extra good business at his new ice cream parlor.

Death Loves a Shining Mark.

Galveston, Tex., Special.

Mrs. Annie Justice was born in Jackson county, Florida, February 28, 1857, and died April 28, 1896, aged 39 years and 2 months. She was a member of Reidy Chapel A. M. E. church. She leaves one son, mother, three sisters and two brothers, and many friends to mourn her loss. She was buried from the above named church, Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of Shiloh A. M. E. church officiating. Mrs. Elizabeth Martin died in this city April 10th, aged 72 years, 3 months, 10 days. She had been a member of the A. M. E. church twenty-six years. She leaves a husband and other relatives. Her funeral was held at Shiloh A. M. E. church, Sunday April 26th, Rev. J. H. Smith officiating. The U. B. F. and S. M. T's. had their annual sermon preached at Shiloh A. M. E. church April 26th. Collection $31.65. The Daughters of Rebecca had their thirtieth annual sermon preached on April 19th by Rev. J. H. Smith. This is the oldest lodge in the state, it being organized in 1866. They own and support a home for the old and feeble members of the lodge.

Old Citizen's Demise.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.

One more week closes out Lincoln high school. It promises to be an auspicious closing. The subscription school taught by J. B. Bonner at the C. P. church, closed last week. James Greene's private school closed on the 10th. Neat programs are out announcing the closing of Lincoln school on the 15th. Rev. J. A. Jones, principal, will deliver the class sermon on next Sunday. The whole school will attend. Mrs. Stella Hunter, of Shelbyville, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Rev. Mrs. J. A. Jones. Campbell Harris, aged 69 years, died April 30th The funeral was held at the A. M. E church. Mrs. Lizzie Todd is on the sick list. C. M. Summerford entertained the faculty of Lincoln school and a few intimate friends at his pleasant highland home Saturday. The Literary socity will discuss the following subject at the next meeting, "Resolved, That the Negro's condition would have been better had his emancipation been delayed twenty-five years later." Get The Freeman from Willie Jones.

A Successful Revival.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The entertainment at the residence of Mr. T. L. Sanders on the 30th, was a very successful affair. The A. M. E. church was crowded last Sunday to listen to the lady preacher, Mrs. Sneal, who has been carrying on a successful revival at the white church. She is an able speaker. Rev. Middlebrooks of Pine Bluff, filled the pulpit at Berry's Chapel with a very able sermon. The little folks entertained their guest Saturday night at the Masonic Hall. Mr. Henry Thomas and McMoore was down Saturday from Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas has a very sick child at this writing. The ladies club has a stand up town during court for the club. The Freeman writer is quite sick at this writing. Mrs. Dolla Palmer of Ohio, was in the city last week visiting friends.

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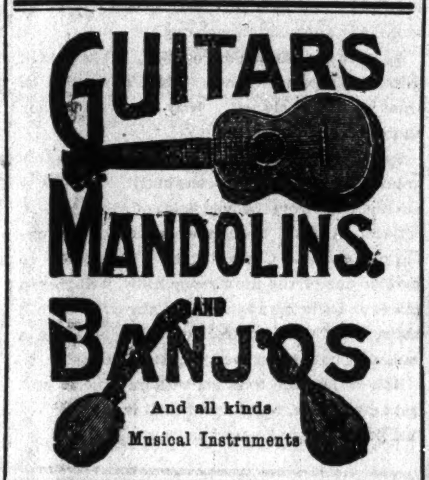

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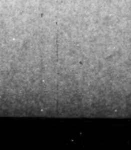

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The colored people of Pasadena, Cal., own $32,000 worth of property.

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There are 10,000 colored poople in a population of 15,000 in Bermuda.

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Three colored men were elected in the recent city election at Altoona, Pa.

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H. H. Williams is one of the largest second-hand dealers in Los. Angeles, Cal.

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T. S. Sam, secretary of war, under Hyppolite has been elected president of Hayti.

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Afro-Americans of Granville, S. C., are making preparations to erect a hospital which will be a credit to the city.

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The Ida B. Wells Club of Chicago, and the Woman's Era Club of Boston are among the most prominent women's clubs in this country.

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Edward L. Carter of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Bay City, Mich., was assigned to duty as pressman in the government printing office at Washington, D. C., last week.

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The colored men's league at their last meeting decided to ask Colonel John M. Brown to make the race for the House of Representatives from the Thirty-fifth District, Topeka, Kan.

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A great victory was won by Lawyer A. C. Cowan of New York City, for the colored people of Jamaica in compelling the white people to admit their children to the public school in said village.

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The colored people are represented in the government department of Philadelphia by one councilman, three clerks in the city hall, one letter carrier, three clerks in the postoffice and thirty police men.

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The commencement of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute occurs Thursday May 28th. Hon. John C. Dancy of North Carolina delivers the commencement address, and Wm. C. Oates, the Governor of the State is also to be present.

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A new association has been chartered in Virginia, the object of which is to promote the interests of agriculture and the mechanical arts and to stimulate and encourage business enterprises among the colored people. It will be known as the Farmer's Progressive Joint Stock Association of Virginia.

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Colored Baptist women of Georgia have been organized into a convention of their own. Mrs. Adline Smith, of Atlanta, is the president and Mrs. N. L. Cook, of Augusta, is the secretary. They propose to organize Woman's Missionary and Educational Socioties to raise money to advance the cause of Christ.

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The National Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its session this year in Louisville, Ky., some time in May. Efforts are being made by the different state federations to make this one of the most notable of national gatherings. Representatives and distinguished women will be present from all parts of United States, and the discussion will include a rare variety of subjects.

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The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., is under lasting obligations to Mr. Charles W. Anderson for his help in securing the passage of a bill by the New York Legislature, transfering without charge, the personal property connected with the New York State Building at the Atlanta Exposition, to the Tuskegee school. The valuable donation will prove one of the greatest helps to Tuskegee, and Mr. Anderson has the thanks of the race in the South.

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President Cleveland presided over a Presbyterian Missionary meeting in New York, and Booker T. Washington was one of the speakers. Mr. Washingington made the same good impression he always makes and is, probably the first Negro in the country to be introduced to an audience by a president of these United States, but his head is not swelled one whit because of this. He is the same earnest single hearted man he was before and herein lies one of the elements of his greatness—Echo Progress.

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The race is well represented in Detroit, Mich. We have two deputies, Wilmot Johnson and W. Hill in the Sheriff's office. County Clerk's Office, Department Clerk, Walter H. Stowers; Register of Deeds' Office, David L. Watson; County Treasurer's Office, Benj. Pelham; Water Works, Robt. Pelham, Jr.; Board of Public Works, Hon. W. W. Ferguson and Geo. A. Barrier; City Tax Department, Daniel Cole; City Hall Janitor, Robt. Thomas; D. Augustus Straker, Circuit Court Judge, who has twice succeeded himself.

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Governor Bradley of Kentucky, has re-appointed Dr. B. F. Porter, of Louisville 3 assistant physician at the Central Kentucky Asylum for the Insane. It will be remembered that Dr. Porter had once before been appointed to this position, but the senate did not act on the nomination before adjourment. He will now serve at least until the next session of the legislature, Lawyer N. R. Harper, of Louisville, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Board of the Commissioner of Agriculture. The sinking fund commissioners have appointed Mr. T. K. Robb, of Frankfort, lumber inspector at the penitentiary. No colored men have heretofore been thus honored in Kentucky.

Clarindia, Iowa News.

Clarindia, Ia., Special.

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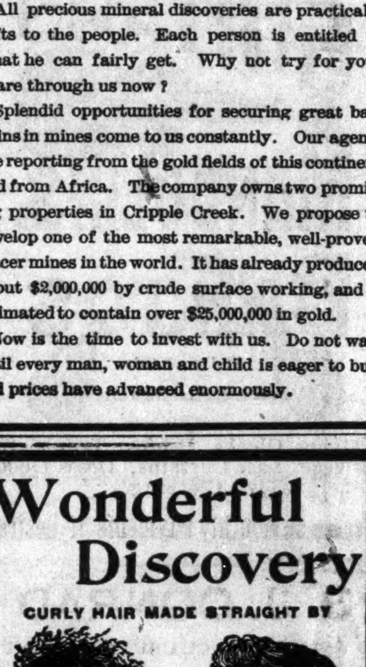

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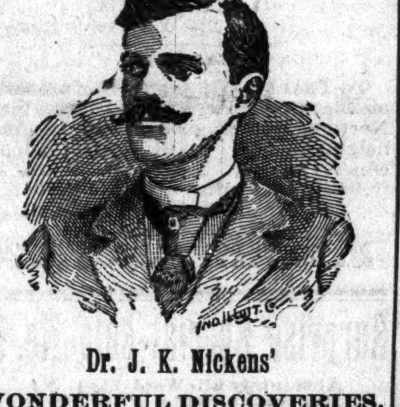

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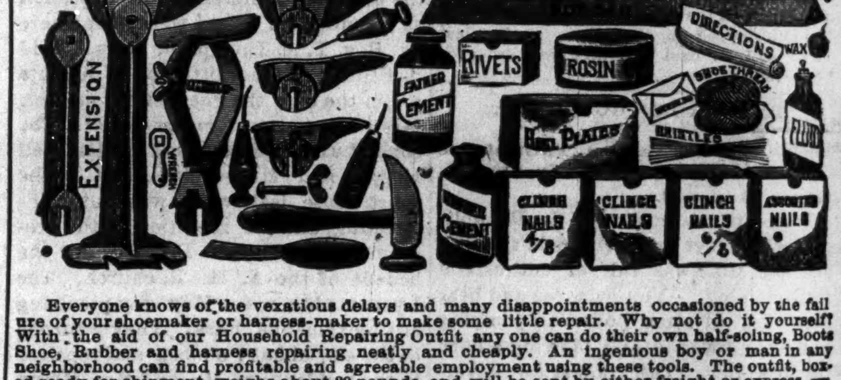

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"Our folks'll never be nothin' no how tell dey pulls ter gether," said Uncle Moses Taylor in the hearing of some twenty of the best citizens of color, as he started to leave the barber chair. "Yer may git all yer book larnin' an' rub yer hed ginner college an' talk yer big dick, but less the cullid men an' wimmen pulls side by side we'll never be a nation no how. Look at ther 'Talians, Irishmen, Dutchmen 'an all them 'ere other kinds of white folks, how dey pull tergether; why dey'll die fer one nother, but jess let 'er cullid man git in trouble an' you'll all run er way like the Bible say Peter done when the water got hot. Mark my words: we'll never be nuthin' no how tell we pulls tergether." And the old man put on his hat and started for the Palace Hotel where he was cook.

"The boss has just discharged Tom White, Uncle Moses for nothing, and you know that he has a sick wife and too small children. Now Uncle Moses, as all the help are colored, we should pull together and stand by Tom," said one of the waiters as the old man walked into the department of the hotel over which he presided. "Now all we boys are going to strike," continued the waiter, "unless old man Peters takes Tom back, and we want you to join us. He got wind of the strike in some way, and I overheard him say: 'If the cook joins them I will be obliged to reinstate Tom for I cannot get another cook handy,' so you see we have him. Shall I put your name on the list Uncle Moses?"

"No! No!! Let's hear more about it," said Uncle Moses as he scratched his head, "What did Tom do?"

"Why it was this way: Peters came in the dining room at noon drunk and cussed and swore at Tom because he did not have a clean table cloth on the family table (Tom you know is head linen man.) Tom told him that he could not get them from the laundry, as the housekeeper told him that they were not dry. "You should keep some on hand d—— you," said Peters, "I guess you don't know your business." "Yes sir, Mr. Peters, I do," said Tom. "Don't you contradict me you d—— black hound; get out of here; you are discharged," said Peters.

"I can't jine ther strike," said Uncle Moses scratching his head; "I can't jine it fer two reasons: In ther fuss place Tom had no right no how ter sass Mr. Peters. Yer know when yer air workin' fur white folks an' deys payin' yer, dey ain't goin' ter take your sass. We must learn ter put up with little things. In the next place I can't jine the strike 'case I might loose my job, 'case good cooks places is hard ter git nowerdays, an' every one goter look out fer hisself these hard times. Den I'm 'posed ter strikes ennyway; no I can't jine, an' don't yer all put my name down on that paper nuther—do yer hear? And Uncle Moses closed the debate by commencing to peel potatoes.

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"MONROE, LA., Jan. 22, 1895.

"Hon Pen and Quilldriver, Mr. Editors, Dear Sirs:—I jess Heard about your valuable Papper and lass Knight at Our Lodge it were the first time I knowed that there Were a national colored Nuse Papper in the land, and I have wished for one so much 'cause I am a Race Man, and no White Nuse Papper will tell the Truth about Our people. Pleas Pardon me for takeing the Liberty to wright to You all, but I want to congratulate you about the papper. Colored Men should patroneyes one another. One of the Greatest drawbacks are in this Part of the state of Louisiana is the class of Ministers who are leading our People and the School teachers; the old people is taught to look up to the ministers of the gospell and the Young People to the school Teachers; pleas send me fifty sampel coppys of your valuable papper and Pleas Put my Name wright down on your books for 2 Years. I will send the money tuesday; i will due all I can for your Valuable Papper in this part of Louisiana, Because I am a leading man here.

"Yours for the race,
"MR A. GASBAGG."

"OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL
"AFRO-AMERICAN FOG HORN,
"NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 25, '95.

"A. Gasbagg, Esq, Monroe, La.: Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 22nd to hand, contents noted. We beg leave to respectfully inform you that we have placed your name on our subscription books, and herewith send you the number of sample copies requested with the hope that you will do all you can to introduce the National Afro-American Fog Horn in your section.

"Respectfully,
"PENN AND QUILLDRIVER, Editors."

One year later, after several duns, Mr. Gasbagg writes Penn and Quilldriver:

"Don't send No More of them papers; they ain't got no nuse in Them. Why Don't you Print a papper like White Men with Nuse in it; i have Just sent Back by Express cod all The pappers you Sent this Year; don't send No More; they ain't Got no nuse in them, an' I want to say wright here that you all has Highly Insulted me, and I want you to know it to, by all the time wrighting for your Money; who do you think are going to Pay 5 Cents for a colored Nuse Papper with no Nuse in it when he can get the white papers with all the nuse for 2 Cents, and only three Cents at the Hiest; don't send no more; they ain't got any Nuse in them—and if ever I come to New York City, I will sue you all for slander for wrighting for the Money.

"MR. A. GASBAGG, Esq."

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"Mrs. Williams' daughter has gone to live out, so she told me to-day; why it's a disgrace! Of course she has to work, but why not put her at some trade or high class work? Why not start her out to learn to be a dressmaker or hair dresser? All our people think about is being servants. They think of nothing higher than being behind some white woman's cook pot," said Mrs. Upperten to a friend on the street. Three hours later another friend called at her house and asked: "Who made that dress you had on at the ball the other night? It fit you like a glove. Did Mme. Wilson make it?" "Now Lucy, you know better than that. Do you suppose I would give a dress of mine to a nigger woman to hack up? Sarah Wilson could no more make that dress than she could fly. Why I don't know a colored dress butcher in town that I would give an order for a calico apron. I tell you what, Lucy, dark skin dress hackers are not up-to-date; they are back numbers; yes, numbers out of print, and away, way back."

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"We will never make any advancement as a race until we enter the fields of business," said Mr. Theory after Uncle Moses left the barber shop;" that is the great secret of our non-success in life. Business, wealth and race unity are the keys to the Negro problem. We must create a desire for business among our people; what we need is more merchants, more business men, and more stores kept by colored people," and he started home.

"Where did you buy these things—at the new colored grocery store on the avenue?" asked his wife, as he deposited several articles of food upon the table.

"No, I did not; do you suppose I am going to give Jack Gray and Tom Brown my hard earned money so they can live easy, wear fine clothes and drive fast horses? I work and dig too hard for it. If those niggers want money, let them work hard for it like I do; besides their stuff is stale goods any way—auction goods—odds and ends; I would not eat them if I was paid. Those coons better go to work; if they sit there in that store, they'll starve; nobody's going to buy their trash."

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A GLUT ON THE MARKET.

With glib tongue, pliant and warm
With gestures beaming with grace,
An orator stood on an orator's throne,
Giving advice to his race.
'Twas glib, glab, glab,
From the time the tickets were sold
Then glab, glib, glib,
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The market is glutted with "great" colored men
All ready and willing to teach,
But we, as a people, stand sadly in need
Of leaders to practice—not preach.

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I have berries, grapes and peaches, a year old, fresh as when picked. I use the California Cold process, do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in ten minutes. Last week I sold directions to over 120 families; anyone will pay a dollar for directions, when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such, and feel confident any one can make one or two hundred dollars round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and complete directions to any of your readers, for eighteen two cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc., to me.

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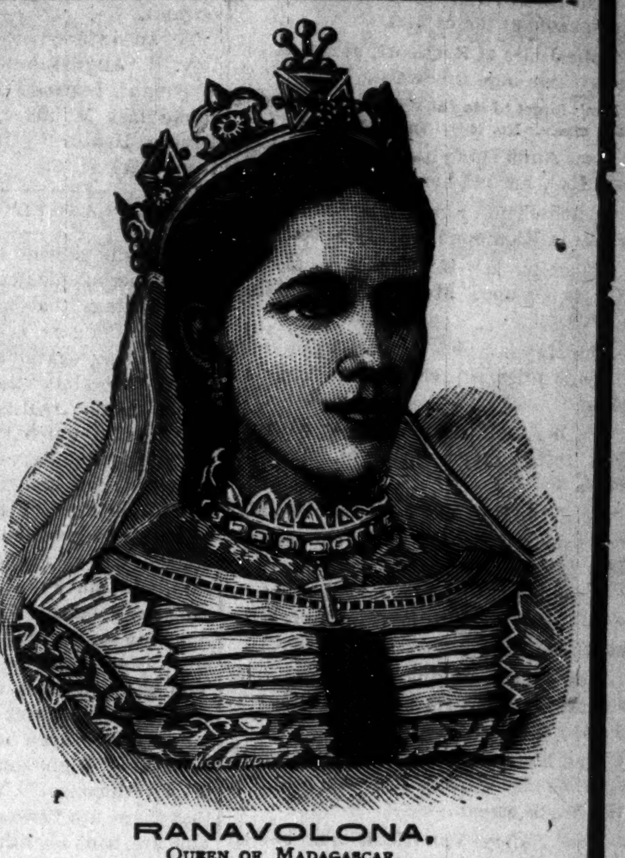

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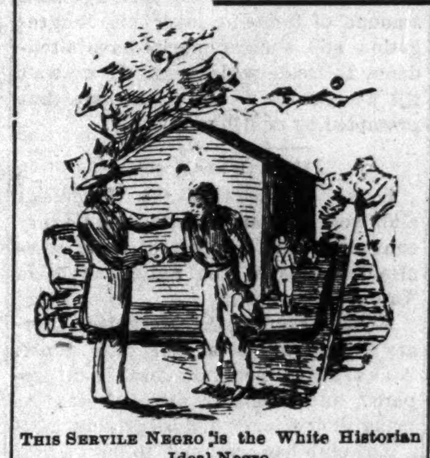

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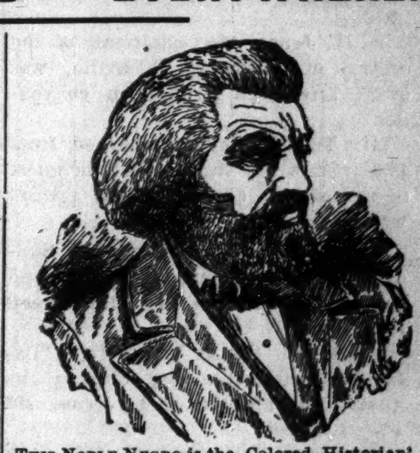

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

W. H. Watkins of Cairo, Ill, is in the city.

Rev. Alex Campbell is home from his southern jaunt.

William Hudson of Nashville, Tenn., has located at the capital.

Tobe Jones of Rockport, attended the convention here this week.

Don't forget to stop at Mrs. Williams for first class meals. No. 66 Indiana avenue.

Mrs. Anna Dunn has gone to Lexington, Ky., her old home on a visit.

S. Schoffield Furr will spend two weeks in Richmond, Ind., on business.

All smiles are Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, it is a boy. Mother and son doing well.

The May fair and festival opened at Olive Baptist church on last Tuesday night.

Dr. W. A. Burney, of New Albany' was in the city on last Thursday and Friday.

Dr. B. J. Hickman of Crawfordsville, was a delegate to the state convention Thursday.

Jerry Franklin has gone into partenership with Mrs. Williams in the restaurant business.

Mrs. Mary Elkins is doing good business at her restaurant, 302½ N. Senate avenue.

Mrs. Mattie Estus of Springfield, O., is in the city visiting Mrs. Ringold, 404 W. North street.

Mrs. Nancy Van Horn was buried from the Second Baptist church on last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. P. Brown of St. Louis, Mo., was in the city last week the guest of her mother, Mrs. Pratt.

Rev. L. M. Hagood of Simpson Chapel will attend the General Conference in session at Cleveland, O.

Samuel Brown was a delegate to the State Convention from Vigo county and C. M. Grundy from Gibson.

Isaac Allen of 198 W. Second street, was thrown from an electric car Monday night and badly bruised.

Edward Medley of Chillicothe, O., attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Serena Barnett on last Thursday.

William H. Stokes, Esq., and H. L. Burnam, of Muncie, made a flying visit to the capital on last Wednesday.

The Primrose Pleasure Club met at the residence of Miss Minnie Brown, 86 Martindale avenue, Friday evening.

Mrs. D. D. Hunter has opened an ice cream parlor and confectionary. Lunch and hot coffee, No. 12 Malott avenue.

The boy preacher, Charles Johnson, is holding nightly services at Mt Zion Baptist church on West Second street.

Rev. Adam Wakefield of Blackford street church is attending the Zion A M. E. General Conference at Mobile, Ala.

Theordore Drury, the baritone of New York, will appear at Corinthian Baptist church Tuesday evening May 12th.

W. H. Jones, vice chairman of the central committee of Rockville, was over to attend the Republican convention.

Miss Tena Steele has returned from Louisville where she has been the guest of the Misses Crutchfield for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Davis left Sunday for the East where they will spend the summer in the beautiful green mountains.

Mr. W. B. Homer and wife of Lafayette, visited the city Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jones, 282 Fayette street.

Rev. B. Farrell will preach a special sermon in honor of the order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria on to-morrow afternoon at 3 p m.

Prof. Harry Brown, the lightening sketch artist and vocalist, is at the New Wonderland Museum this week illustrating song with crayon while singing. The only act of its kind in the country.

Drs. T. W. Henderson, J. M. Townsend, A. L. Murray and W. F. Floyd, left Friday morning May 1st, to attend the General Conference in Wilmington, N. C. Their private car was attended by Isaac Johnson.

The Rev. Dr. Lauton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who graduated at the head of his class at Lincoln University, and was appointed professor over the preparatory department of the University, will preach at the Ninth Presbyterian church Sunday, May 17th, at 11 a. m. Theme, "Christian Emancipation." At 8 p. m., "Christians the Light of the World."

Allen Chapel Notes.

Rev. S. L. Grigsby, of New Albany, will preach next Sunday, May 10th.

The cantata given last Thursday evening under the direction of Prof. Brown was a brilliant success.

Rev. L. Pettiford, of Logansport, Ind., occupied the pulpit last Sunday. The day was observed by a very large congregation who heard his eloquent sermon.

To an interested congregation the Rev. S. Augustus Reid, principal of Wayman's Institute, Harrodsburg, Ky., spoke last Monday evening on "The Divine Healer." He took his text from Mark II, 5.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

With the advent of summer, comes the numerous picnics and Sunday basket meetings that are rife among our people. Dodgers and posters are read to the congregations several Sundays prior to the time "the grandest picnic of the season" will take you to a grove to "worship our Savior under the canopy of the blue heavens, with sparkling streams here and there." You are mindful of the fact that you are in need of a little recreation, and since your church will take out fifteen or twenty cars, you make the necessary preparations, and fall in with the procession. Arriving on the grounds, you think you will listen to the service, but not so. You grow restless and wander down the stream in search of water(?) In a far away nook you hear these startling remarks: "Right this way for all kinds of refreshments!" You soon discover that there are "two of a kind," and as you are bent on having a good time, you freely indulge your thirsty appetite, and point to others the way—not to the tent where their sins may be forgiven—but down the stream where they can have refreshments, "two of a kind."

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The following Sunday the minister gloats over the large sum of money realized, and the good time had spiritually, never taking into consideration the brawls or disturbances that are caused on these occasions. You feel conscience-smitten, for you think he must have detected the faint odor of "Budweiser," but he did not, as he wants you to attend the "last grand Sunday picnic of the season," and to reprimand now would be detrimental.

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We wonder when the pulpit will put a stop to reading ten-foot posters in the church. After attending morning Sunday school, followed by the services, together with the regular appointments of the week, it is very trying on one's religious qualifications to be imposed on in this manner. By way of reparation we might add that there is one colored paper in Indianapolis—The Freeman at 57½ Indiana avenue—in which to make known your wants.

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During service last Sunday, one divine remarked: "Guess the Alpha Home may need assistance, but we must get out of debt ourselves first." We were sorry to hear such remarks from the pulpit. Each pastor has a certain amount of influence over his congregation and such remarks have a tendency to create selfishness. If we wait till we get all we want, we are thus prompted by selfish motives.

Herculean Notes.

Thirty members of the Herculean club were delegates to the late County convention. A number of them were also delegates to the State convention Thursday.

Monday evening the Herculean literary society meets at the club house. An extensive program has been prepared, and members are requested to bring their friends and be present.

The club has arranged to buy a new piano the first of the week. It will be one of Wulschner and Son's best.

"Jack" Francis now has charge of the culinary department of the club The restaurant is open, not only to club members, but to the public as well.

Arrangements are being consummated for the Decoration day parade in which the club members will participate. It is hoped to have the club well represented.

An amendment to the constitution has been suggested, whereby persons residing out of the city can become members of the club by paying the initiation fee. A number of inquiries have been received from persons outside of the city who are desirous of uniting with the club.

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NOTICE.

The sixth session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held in Crawfordsville, June 18th and 19th. Commissioners please take notice and leave no stone unturned to surpass all previous efforts. Send in reports as early as convenient, and let all pray for the blessings of the Lord to attend the cause. We need your co-operation and hope to have your presence.

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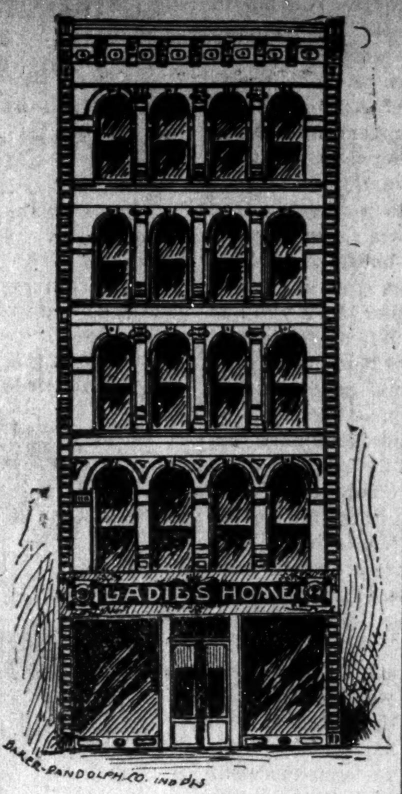

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